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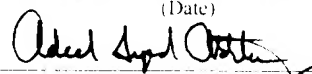
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Sprey et al.
Application Number: 09 771,673
Filing Date: January 29, 2001
Title: METHOD AND INSTALLATION
FOR ETCHING A SUBSTRATE
Examiner Name: Sylvia MacArthur
Group Art Unit: 1763

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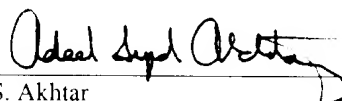
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- (X) Check in the amount of \$860 to cover the above fees.
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.